

## Main Goals:

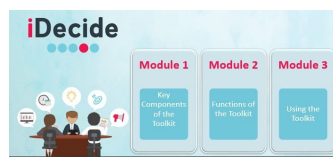
To develop an innovative toolkit and an induction course - (face-to-face & on-line) for school leaders and school staff, based on effective principles and processes to promote shared decision making regarding the development, implementation, evaluation and improvement of inclusive policies.

Support evidence-based policy-making which can lead to the reduction of disparities in learning outcomes and marginalisation in schools.

Support the EU in reducing disparities in learning outcomes affecting learners from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Strengthen cooperation & exchange of information and good practices between different areas of Europe.

For all those interested in finding out more about the **iDecide Toolkit** and its practical benefits, the iDecide team have developed an online induction course. This interactive course walks teachers and school-leaders through the guiding principles of the iDecide Project as well as **practical information** on how to use the toolkit.



The **iDecide Induction Course** is an interactive online training programme with 3 modules. The modules are designed to be delivered in sequence

to aid participants in getting the most from the toolkit. The full Induction Course is available online through the iDecide website and is accessible to all.

Starting with **Module 1**, participants are challenged to consider their roles as teachers and school leaders providing inclusive education. The toolkit functions and tips are introduced to illustrate the benefit of using the platform.

**Module 2** brings us through the functions of the toolkit in more detail. This includes the practical, evidence based advice for teachers and the voice for students and parents.



Finally, **Module 3** of the Induction Course guides teachers and school leaders through the practical use of the iDecide Toolkit including how to register and set up your school.

**Free to all and available online**, the iDecide Induction Course is a great introduction to the iDecide Toolkit and how it can benefit teachers, school leaders, students and parents.

Try the online iDecide Induction Course on our website, [www.idecide-project.eu](http://www.idecide-project.eu).



Hello Friends,

Welcome to the iDecide Project Newsletter. In this issue you will find details of the progress of the iDecide Project and news of the latest project outputs.

The main focus in this issue is the launch of the iDecide Toolkit at the #ILE 2018 conference in Cyprus.

Also included is information on the iDecide Toolkit and the new online Induction Course. The induction course is a feature of the eLearning platform developed to provide training for teachers and school leaders in the practical use of the platform.

We hope that you find the articles of interest. To keep up-to-date just like us on Facebook. There you will find posts on the project's progress and benefit from regular articles on inclusive education initiatives.

The iDecide Team.



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The iDecide Toolkit was officially launched at the 11th annual Innovative Learning Environments Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus. Held in the University of Nicosia and opened by the Cypriot Minister for Education, Dr Coastas Chambiaouris, the international conference focused on the theme of "Social Inclusion & New Technologies".



testimonials from teachers, students and parents. The schools presenting included:

- Ayois Antonios Primary School in Cyprus,
- Mircea cel Batran School in Romania,
- 24<sup>th</sup> Elementary School Peristeri in Greece,
- Youthreach Drogheda in Ireland
- Sao Jose de Bairros College in Portugal.

As part of the launch, facilitated workshops were also provided for conference delegates on the practical use of the iDecide Toolkit and implementing the platform in school.

The ILE2018 conference was organized by the Centre for the Advancement of Research and Development in Educational Technology (CARDET), in collaboration with the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture, and the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute.

Other speakers and events at the #ILE2018 conference included Dr. Charalambos Vrasidas, Director of CARDET, a panel discussion on "Sharing Stories of Inclusion" with expert front-line educational practitioners and various workshops on using technology to promote social inclusion.

All speeches, presentations and case studies are available to online at [www.ile2018.cardet.org](http://www.ile2018.cardet.org).

Dr Deborah Youdell



The conference keynote speech was given by Professor Deborah Youdell of the University of Birmingham. Professor Youdell's presentation was on her longstanding concern with how inequalities are connected to subjectivities, everyday practices, pedagogy, institutional processes and policy. Explaining how learning is a biosocial phenomenon, the presentation then examined how educators can support students by changing school practices, relationships and modes of identification and recognition of students.

Dr Soula Ioannou



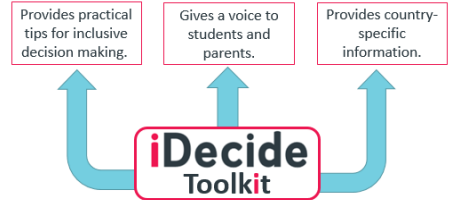
The iDecide Project Overview was presented by Dr Soula Ioannou of the Cypriot Ministry of Education and Culture. This was followed by a detailed breakdown of overall finding from the year-long Implementation Phase of the project, presented by Dr Valentina Stinga of the University of Pitesti, Romania.

Central to the launch of the iDecide Project were the presentations given by the schools engaged in the Implementation Phase. Teachers and School Leaders gave accounts of their experience of using the iDecide Toolkit and the impact it had on their schools. Included in these presentations were case study results and

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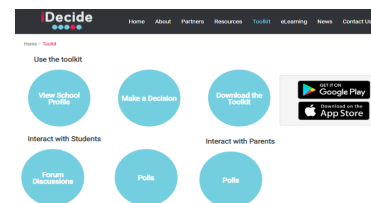


iDecide aims to support school leaders and teachers in making more inclusive decisions. Delivered through an innovative toolkit, iDecide is a hub of evidence based research and best practice recommendations for educators. Once a school is registered, the online toolkit provides expert advice based on the student profile and national context.



**"I found the information and advice very helpful."**

Using the student profile provided by each school, the iDecide Toolkit generates tips and advice on how to make more inclusive decisions. From the classroom, school trips, timetabling and exam times, the toolkit provides a source of expert tips to help meet the needs of students.



As way to enhance inclusive school decisions, the iDecide Toolkit also features an online voice for students and parents. With discussion forums and polls set by school management, students and parents can log on through the mobile app and give valuable feedback to schools.

Available through the iDecide website and the mobile app, the iDecide Toolkit is easily available and simple to use. Best of all it is free to use once your school is registered.

Still not sure, then try out the iDecide Induction Course available on the project website. More details of the free online induction course are available on the next page.



If you haven't already, we encourage you to like and share the iDecide Project Facebook page. The page is regularly updated with details of the iDecide Project and how its progressing.

There are also useful links to articles, reports, websites and videos for teachers and school leaders looking to do more to promote inclusive education. From a range of expert sources, we hope that they will become a valuable resource to others in education.

Remember to visit our website if you haven't yet. On it you will find more detail about the innovative toolkit for schools and the other supports and resources the project team are developing. Go to [www.idecide-project.eu](http://www.idecide-project.eu).

